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MEXICO CITY FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: EFIS BR

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF U.S. SHRIMP VESSEL WATERS EDGE III

1. MR. WILLIAM SANDMAN OF SAHLMAN SEAFOODS, TAMPA, FLORIDA (813-248-5725), CALLED THIS MORNING TO REPORT THAT ONE OF HIS FIRM'S VESSELS, WATERS EDGE III, WAS SEIZED AT ABOUT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT BY A BRAZILIAN PATROL BOAT. SANDMAN ASSERTED THAT WATERS EDGE III WAS FISHING IN AN AUTHORIZED AREA, 20-25 MILES NORTH OF CLOSED AREA, BETWEEN THE FIFTH AND SIXTH RIDGES, AND THERE WERE OTHER BOATS FISHING TO THE SOUTH. THE CAPTAIN OF THE VESSEL IS AMCIT HENRY GREEN, JR. THE CREW CONTAINS TWO AMCITS AND TWO GUYANESE CITIZENS. WATERS EDGE III IS BASED IN GEORGETOWN.

2. WHEN I TELEPHONED COMMANDER WANDERLEY FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE SEIZURE, HE SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A REPORT OF THE SEIZURE. (THE COMMANDER AND I HAD JUST RETURNED TO OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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RESPECTIVE OFFICES FROM A NAVAL CEREMONY). WHEN WE CONVERSED THERE, HE SEEMED UNAWARE OF THE SEIZURE.) HE CONFIRMED THE SEIZURE AND ASSERTED THAT WATERS EDGE III HAD BEEN APPREHENDED IN AN UNAUTHORIZED AREA 300 MILES TO THE SOUTH OF THE LIMIT. THE COMMANDER DID NOT YET HAVE THE COORDINATES OF THE LOCATION OF THE SEIZURE. HE ALSO WAS NOT YET CERTAIN WHEN THE VESSEL WOULD ARRIVE IN BELEM, BUT

HE GUESSED THAT IT WOULD ARRIVE SATURDAY MORNING. HE  
PROMISED TO TELEPHONE WHEN HE RECEIVES MORE INFORMATION.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE WATERS EDGE III, A SURINAMESE BOAT  
WAS SEIZED AS WELL.  
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